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FLAG RAISING

A flag honoring Asian and Pacific heritage will be raised on the We Are EIU Flagpole Thursday.

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NEW COACH ON CAMPUS

It was announced Wednesday that former Evansville head coach Marty Simmons will become the next coach of the Eastern men's basketball team.

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Namrata Saini, international graduate student majoring in kinesiology and exercise science stops between class to take photos of dandelions. Saini mentions that she is looking forward to taking a photo of the "pretty white tree" by the student union to compare to the photo she took of it a couple months ago.

Student Senate approves 3 RSOs

By Helena Edwards
Student Government Reporter | @DEN_news

The Computer Science Club, the Voices in Progress Club and the Young Democratic Socialist of America Club were approved to become official on campus through three senate emergency bills during the Student Government meeting Wednesday night.

The Computer Science Club was brought forth by computer science major and freshman Will Bryan.

"I really struggled with finding others with my major and similar interests," Bryan said. "A great way for students to connect with each other and build on their skills would be a club."

He also said creating a club could fill gaps in curriculum by creating a system where students with varying levels can help one another. There are also career benefits to having a club, suggesting mock interviews for internships as well as industry professionals coming in to speak to the club.

"It will be more appealing to incoming students to see a community there that will allow them to grow," Bryan lists as another reason for starting the club.

Bryan wants to focus on computer programming skills by collaborative efforts working on projects, as well as sharing projects.

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Students share mixed feelings about April Fool's Day

By Corryn Brock
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April Fool's Day is typically a day filled with pranks, laughter and fun.

Celebrated annually there are plenty of theories for how the holiday was started but no one knows for sure when the day was truly first celebrated.

Students at Eastern are often too busy to partake in the holiday but some shared their experiences and thoughts on the holiday.

Charlie Dumach, a junior music major, said she does not enjoy it as much as she used to.

"I think it's kind of dumb but as a kid I thought it was funny to mess with my sisters," Dumach said.

She shared a prank she pulled on her siblings when she was younger.

"Once I used walkie talkies to make them think our house has ghosts, put one on top of the ceiling fan and took the other into a closet to talk to it," Dumach said.

Now, Dumach says she is typically too busy on April 1 to participate, but she still has pet peeves for the holiday, like when people take it too far and they intentionally really hurt or scare people.

One example she remembers from high school is putting Nair in people's shampoo to make their hair fall out.

"I feel like pranking could go both ways. As long as you mean well and make someone happy with pranking and not hurt anyone's feelings, the day was fulfilled."

-Elaina Nelson, senior

Kenzie Funk, a science education major, said she enjoys pranks and having a fun time but she believes it can get taken too far quickly.

One thing she specifically does not like is "joking about things that aren't meant to be joked about like mental illness, cheating or fake coming out."

Another thing she shared she does not like is "anything that hurts the other person of puts down a group of people or pranks that cause actual bodily harm."

However, she said she enjoys pranks like parents acting like they're dropping their kids off at school but actually taking their children to Disney.

She said those pranks are "so pure, so wholesome."

Funk added she enjoys reading about harmless pranks and she's not a "stick in the mud."

Kayla Granat, a junior English education major, agreed with Dumach and Funk: it is

all fun and games until someone takes the prank too far.

"I think it's fun when it's not taken too far. The smaller jokes are the funniest especially when celebrities or famous companies get involved," Granat said. "A game I play did this thing where they redesigned their whole app as if it was created on Microsoft Paint and it makes me giggle every time I open the app."

She said she dislikes pranks where people pretend to come out or fake pregnancy announcements.

Granat said she feels "awkward thinking about doing them, that's not my personality" when it comes to planning pranks herself.

Overall she said pranks can be fun when done correctly.

"It may feel embarrassing being tricked but it's all in good heart," Granat said.

"One year my parents rearranged my siblings' rooms so that it was like were in each

other's rooms and the confusion was funny."

Elaina Nelson, a senior music performance major, said her goal on April Fool's Day is "to make sure I make someone laugh throughout the day."

She said pranking can be fun for all when done well.

"I feel like pranking could go both ways," Nelson said. "As long as you mean well and make someone happy with pranking and not hurt anyone's feelings, the day was fulfilled."

She said the best way to tell if it is a good time to prank someone is to be aware of your surroundings.

"Make sure that you are courteous to everyone on this day," Nelson said. "Some people might take offense to pranks so just make sure you are reading the room."

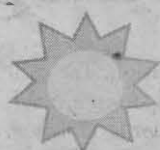
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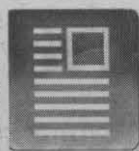
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Biden announces infrastructure plan to 'win the future' Wednesday

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Joe Biden outlined a huge \$2.3 trillion plan Wednesday to re-engineer the nation's infrastructure in what he billed as "a once-in-a-generation investment in America" that would undo his predecessor's signature legislative achievement — giant tax cuts for corporations — in the process.

Speaking at a carpenters union training center in Pittsburgh, Biden drew comparisons between his hard-hatted proposed transformation of the U.S. economy and the space race — and promised results as grand in scale as the New Deal or Great Society programs that shaped the 20th century.

"It's not a plan that tinkers

around the edges," Biden said. "It's a once-in-a-generation investment in America unlike anything we've seen or done since we built the interstate highway system and the space race decades ago. In fact, it's the largest American jobs investment since World War II. It will create millions of jobs, good-paying jobs."

White House officials say the spending would generate those jobs as the country shifts away from fossil fuels and combats the perils of climate change. It is also an effort to compete with the technology and public investments made by China, which has the world's second-largest economy and is fast gaining on the United States' dominant posi-

tion.

"I'm convinced that if we act now, in 50 years people are going to look back and say this is the moment when America won the future," Biden said.

The Democratic president's infrastructure projects would be financed by higher corporate taxes — a trade-off that could lead to fierce resistance from the business community and thwart attempts to work with Republican lawmakers. Biden hopes to pass an infrastructure plan by summer, which could mean relying solely on the slim Democratic majorities in the House and the Senate.

The higher corporate taxes would aim to raise the necessary piles of

money over 15 years and then reduce the deficit going forward. In doing so, Biden would undo the 2017 tax overhaul by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans and lift the corporate tax rate to 28% from the 21% rate.

"Ninety-one Fortune 500 Companies, including Amazon, pay not a single solitary penny in income tax," Biden said.

Wednesday's announcement will be followed in coming weeks by Biden pushing a companion bill of roughly equal size for investments in child care, family tax credits and other domestic programs. That nearly \$2 trillion package would be paid for by tax hikes on wealthy individuals and families.

Pfizer says its vaccine protects younger teens

Pfizer announced Wednesday that its COVID-19 vaccine is safe and strongly protective in kids as young as 12, a step toward possibly beginning shots in this age group before they head back to school in the fall.

Most COVID-19 vaccines being rolled out worldwide are for adults, who are at higher risk from the coronavirus. Pfizer's vaccine is authorized for ages 16 and older. But vaccinating children of all ages will be critical to stopping the pandemic — and helping schools, at least the upper grades, start to look a lit-

tle more normal after months of disruption.

In the vaccine study of 2,260 U.S. volunteers ages 12 to 15, preliminary data showed there were no cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated adolescents compared to 18 among those given dummy shots, Pfizer reported.

It's a small study, that hasn't yet been published, so another important piece of evidence is how well the shots revved up the kids' immune systems. Researchers reported high levels of virus-fighting antibod-

ies, somewhat higher than were seen in studies of young adults.

Kids had side effects similar to young adults, the company said. The main side effects are pain, fever, chills and fatigue, particularly after the second dose. The study will continue to track participants for two years for more information about long-term protection and safety.

Dr. Philip J. Landrigan of Boston College said the results are encouraging.

"It's hard to get kids to comply with masking and distancing, so

something that gives them hard protection and takes them out of the mix of spreading the virus is all for the good," said Landrigan, who was not involved in the study.

It's another positive development in the race against the virus even as U.S. cases, at 66,000 new infections a day, are rising again and deaths are averaging nearly 1,000 a day. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director Dr. Rochelle Walensky warned Americans again Wednesday that "we can't afford to let our guard down."

Chicago warns ballparks may close if virus numbers climb

CHICAGO (AP) — As thousands of people get ready to flock to Wrigley Field on Thursday for Chicago's largest mass gathering in more than a year, city officials warned that they may again shut the venerated ballpark to fans if the number of COVID-19 cases keep climbing.

The warning from the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications also applies to the White Sox's ballpark, as well as bars, restaurants and other businesses, and comes amid an increase in the number of cases in Chicago and Illinois, particularly among young adults. Just this week, state public health officials announced that the lifting of some restrictions was being delayed because of increasing numbers of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations

since mid-March.

Both the Cubs and the White Sox will be allowed to admit as much as 25% percent capacity. For Wrigley Field, that means a maximum of a little more than 10,000 fans in the stands. Many more are expected to watch the game from nearby bars and restaurants that are routinely crowded with fans during home games. Those establishments are limited to 50% capacity, and customers must wear masks, just like at Wrigley.

City officials already have said they are on the lookout for whether bars and restaurants are complying with restrictions. OEMC warned Wednesday that "everyone needs to abide by public health guidance, including wearing masks in public even if you've been vaccinated."

Suspect in attack on Asian American woman in NYC is arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — A parolee convicted of killing his mother nearly two decades ago was arrested on assault and hate crime charges in an attack on an Asian American woman in New York City, police said Wednesday.

Police said Brandon Elliot, 38, is the man seen on surveillance video kicking and stomping the woman near Times Square on Monday. The woman was attacked in front of an apartment building.

Two lobby workers witnessed the violence but no one intervened or called 911, police said. Their union said Wednesday they told a union representative that they waited until the attacker left because he had a knife and then flagged down a police car.

Elliot, who is Black, faces charges of assault and attempted assault as hate crimes. He made an appearance in court via video Wednesday night, and was remanded into custody, with the next court date scheduled for Monday.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said Elliot faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

The Legal Aid Society, which is representing him, said in a statement, "We strongly urge the public to reserve judgment until all the facts are presented in court."

Elliot lived at a hotel that serves as a homeless shelter a few blocks from the attack scene, police said. He was taken into custody at the hotel around midnight. Tips from the public led to his apprehension, police said.

Experts examine ship that was stuck in Suez Canal

CAIRO (AP) — Divers inspected the underside of a colossal container ship that had blocked the Suez Canal, spotting some damage to the bow but not enough to take it out of service, officials said Wednesday.

The dives were part of a continuing investigation into what caused the Ever Given to crash into the bank of the canal where it remained wedged for six days, blocking a crucial artery of global shipping, before it was dislodged on Monday. The vessel is now anchored in the Great Bitter Lake, a

wide stretch of water halfway between the north and south ends of the canal.

The blockage had halted billions of dollars a day in maritime commerce. Two senior canal officials said the vessel's bulbous bow had suffered slight to medium damage. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

One of the officials, a canal pilot, said experts were studying the extent of the damage, but he said it is unlikely it would impede navigation. He

said the ship's next movements would depend on "several legal and procedural" measures that the canal authority would discuss with Ever Given's operator.

When blame gets assigned, it will likely lead to years of litigation to recoup the costs of repairing the ship, fixing the canal and reimbursing those who saw their cargo shipments disrupted. The vessel is owned by a Japanese firm, operated by a Taiwanese shipper, flagged in Panama and now stuck in Egypt, so matters could

quickly become complicated.

Since the canal reopened for traffic on Monday afternoon, convoys of ships have been moving through the waterway which links the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

A maritime traffic jam had grown on both ends of the canal during the six days of blockage. From the reopening to noon Wednesday, more than 160 vessels had passed through the canal.

CAA to vote on 3 items in Thursday meeting

By Corryn Brock
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The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on three items during its meeting Thursday at 2 p.m.

The council will meet virtually.

One item the council will vote on is a proposal to amend the current delivery mode definitions.

Specifically, the proposal seeks to further explain the types of online courses available to students, online synchronous and online asynchronous.

Online synchronous courses “rely on regularly scheduled virtual meetings between instructor and students that occur in real time as a central method of instruction,” while online asynchronous courses “s rely on methods of instruction that do not require regularly scheduled virtual meetings between instructor and students that occur in real

time.”

The proposal was prepared by CAA Chair Claudia Janssen Danyi and the rationale for the proposal is:

“In light of the distance education practices applied in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CAA reviewed EIU’s delivery mode definitions and looked into current developments in online and hybrid delivery during the fall 2020. The discussion identified a need to distinguish online synchronous and online asynchronous delivery because they rely on different teaching methods and place different scheduling demands on students. Students voiced that they were often unsure whether their online class required regular meeting times or not. Thus, clarity on the nature of an online class as either asynchronous or synchronous will enhance transparency and make it easier for students to plan their semesters.”

The second item the council will vote on is a proposal to restructure grade appeal committees.

A memorandum from Faculty Senate Chair Don Holly and Janssen Danyi suggests that all college grade appeal committees with one university-wide grade appeal committee.

The rationale for the proposal explains that internal governing policy 45 currently requires all colleges to have their own grade appeal committee and that each committee be staffed by six faculty members and two students.

The rationale for the proposal says the reason for the change is “College grade appeals are rare; the great majority of appeals are handled at the department level. Indeed, some colleges go years without having any appeal cases. Given how rare appeals are, we propose that college grade appeal committees be replaced by one university-wide

grade appeal committee. This would significantly reduce the number of faculty needed for grade appeals committees. It would also cultivate expertise in the grade appeal process among those that serve, since a single campus-wide committee would now see more appeals. This could make for a more fair and consistent assessment of appeals.”

The council will also vote on a proposal to allow students to take a capstone course offered in the department as a fulfillment of the senior seminar requirement.

The course would be optional to take as a senior seminar, not required. Similarly, no department would be required to create or modify a course to make it an option for a senior seminar.

Originally, senior seminars were intended to require students step outside of their major during their senior year to see how their filed connects to the

larger university mission. The courses were meant to be rigorous enough to be valuable at a senior level, however, they have not lived up to that original purpose, according to the proposal.

General Education Coordinator Grant Sterling, proposed the item. He said “It is in light of these perceived deficiencies that this proposal is offered. A capstone course in the major could be designed to meet almost all of the original parts of the (senior seminar) vision. Capstone courses in the major are likely to be rigorous, to be staffed by the best professors in a department, to require students to bring together ideas from multiple prior classes, and are certainly much more likely than (senior seminar) to be taken seriously by students.”

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Asian Pacific American flag to be raised Thursday

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Eastern will raise an Asian Pacific American flag Thursday on the We Are EIU Flagpole. The flag will be risen at noon.

The flag is meant to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month which is celebrated in May.

The month celebrates those from all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Mari-

anas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Specifically, it celebrates the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

The reason the May honors Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States is to commemorate the

arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1842 as well as the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

On March 19, University President David Glassman sent an email to students as a statement that Eastern stands against racial hatred, specifically towards Asian American and Pacific Islander populations. In his email he acknowledges Asian Americans “have become irrational targets of bigotry and hatred, driven largely by the ignorance and misguided rhetoric surrounding the global COVID pandemic.”

In the email he said Eastern “prides itself on our inclusiveness. We work daily to ensure students representing every culture and background are offered the best and safest experiences possible. A critical component of that on-campus culture demands our deepest commitments to civility and compassion, and in guaranteeing those commitments are extended to every member of our diverse community. Each of us has a role in creating that culture on campus today, and in advancing those values in our own communities tomorrow.”

He also shared links to information on combatting COVID-19 racism.

Glassman ended the email with “It’s clear that despite the progress we have made as individuals and as a country, the struggle for racial and social equality in America continues. We must leverage current events as decisive, teachable moments for everyone in our EIU community, and remind ourselves daily of the categorical responsibilities we share in advancing the common good.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Shooting is a sad sign that we are returning to normal

Yet another mass shooting took place Wednesday in California, adding to a string of recent mass shooting in America.

It has been just over two weeks since eight were killed in a series of shooting at Atlanta spas, which was followed six days later by a shooting at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado, that killed 10 people.

The Wednesday shooting in California happened at an office building left four people dead, including a child.

It would seem that as we get nearer to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic with more and more people being vaccinated every day, we are being reminded of another deadly pandemic that has been plaguing us.

According to the Gun Violence archive, there have been 119 mass shootings so far in 2021, including Wednesday's California shooting.

There is not vaccine for the gun violence pandemic, but there are solutions.

Common sense gun laws like universal background checks and assault weapon bans are absolutely necessary in this country.

We at The Daily Eastern News know that measures like these will not completely stop mass shootings from happening, but anything that can be done to reduce the frequency of them must be done.

Quote of the Day:

"Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me."

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BY ZACH BERGER

Spanish album a good idea for Uchis

"Sin Miedo (del Amor y Otros Demonios)" is the second studio album and first Spanish (well, Spanglish) album by Colombian-American singer Kali Uchis.

"Sin Miedo" being the singer/songwriter's first Spanish album, I was excited to see what Uchis would do with this project, having only heard a handful of Spanish singles from her prior to this.

I first discovered Kali Uchis during her "Por Vida" days way back in 2016 when I randomly came across her music video for "Only Girl" (thank you to YouTube's recommendations for that one).

I, like many other fans, fell in love with Uchis's genre-defying music, with influences from doo-wop, reggae and early 2000s R&B.

In the early stages of her career, all of her songs were in English, gaining her a mainly American and English-speaking audience.

When Uchis started releasing Spanish singles like "Nuestro Planeta" and "Solita" later in her career, I was so excited to see her exploring the Spanish language in her songs.

I didn't find out until much later that not everyone felt the same as I did.

A lot of people weren't happy with Uchis's deci-



Kyara Morales-Rodriguez

sion to make Spanish music, and it may have even lost her some fans who weren't willing to give her new music a chance due to the language barrier.

Though Uchis crossing over to Spanish was definitely a risk, I would say it was worth it in the end.

Uchis was definitely ambitious with this album, having to make various different genres work well together in not just one but two languages, allowing her to showcase her various talents.

"Sin Miedo" is all about Uchis' upbringing, so it was largely inspired by the music she heard growing up.

In the album, she explores genres like boleros and reggaeton, recovering those genres for the new age, while also using more mainstream genres like bedroom pop and dream R&B.

The album shows her various influences, allowing her to pay homage to many artists: the Queen of Latin Soul La Lupe, reggaetonera Ivy Queen, Princess of R&B Aaliyah, English trip hop band Portishead and more.

There's something very nostalgic about her album. It reminds me of the songs that would boom in the speakers during family parties.

Simultaneously there's something very new and fresh about it. It explores the use of multiple genres and languages in a way I haven't seen before.

I'm glad she took the risk. Uchis could have pleased her English-speaking fans and released another fully-English album, but she refused, and in doing so she has helped bring Latinx music to a whole new generation of people.

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New GRMLN album a great addition

Yoodoo Park, who goes by GRMLN when releasing music, just released his 15th album on Tuesday. It's called "Dark Music in the Sun" and it features some great additions to his catalogue.

I've been a fan of GRMLN for a few years now, and his prolific rate of releasing high quality records in short spans of time is something I'm grateful for because it gives me plenty of great music to enjoy.

I'd been eagerly awaiting this newest record since I saw him announce it on Instagram a few months ago, and it didn't let me down. The guitars are a little more abrasive and each song sits comfortably in its own speed. "Heart," for example, has a more somber tone but shifts perfectly between verse and chorus with changes in pace.

The whole record has some of Park's most interesting guitar work on it, like the aforementioned "Heart" and one of my favorite songs, "Long Division," which also features some of the most intricate bass playing I've heard on a GRMLN record.

In the middle of the song, the drums



Ryan Meyer

sit back and the bass and the guitar mirror each other before launching into another chorus.

Album closer "Star Eye" has quickly become one of my favorite GRMLN songs. At almost five minutes, it's also one of his longest. The guitar work in this song is some of the most melodic on the record, but the beauty really starts when the instrumental intro drops out and for a moment there's nothing but beautiful, simple guitar playing and a reverberating drum beat.

The bliss continues when the bass and Park's vocals come in, though. The slow, quiet breakdowns in this song are probably my favorite moments on the album.

In a recent interview with NME, Park said that living in Australia after moving from a small apartment in Japan made it so that "now I can make as much noise as I want." So far, this is a good thing.

I love the albums he made while living in Japan, but it's exciting to wonder what more time in a less-restricting environment can do for GRMLN's music.

The article also brings up the interesting point that this is the first album Park has released with songs that weren't part of a large collection he recorded while living in Japan. If GRMLN's discography was divided into sections based on where he was living at the time, I'd have to say the "Australia Period" is off to a great story.

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A Discord server, an online platform for communication, is already up and running to start this community at 20 members so far, but a club can make it official on campus to host a wide variety of events.

Bryan said he set the dues at \$1 so that anyone with interest in computer science can join and the budget can allow them to later plans different events like an ice-cream social or memberships for programming systems.

"As a former computer science major being able to work with others is very important, sharing your experiments is super important. Almost every major on campus has its own RSO and the fact that there wasn't an official computer science club is baffling to me," said Student Executive Vice President Michael Perri.

President Charity Abner and Vice-President Antonise Myles of the club Voices In Progress were there to represent it before the Senate voted.

Abner said she wanted to start the club to offer more opportunities of open mics on campus.

"This event can help us become more involved with each other. We can encourage each other. We can work on our writing skills," said Abner. "I plan to make this a safe space. A lot of students want to be in a safe space when they express their selves. Especially in times when we're going through a lot."

Another aspect of the club will be working on stage performance and confidence.

Abner said, "Some of us want to work on that but don't know how to or have opportunities to work on it."

Poetry nights for the club would be open to public and not just members, but some events will be limited to ensure a



SCREENSHOT BY CORRYN BROCK

Sharifa Hurtault, representing the Young Democratic Socialist of America Club, introduces the emergency bill on the creation of the club during the Student Senate meeting Wednesday. The club was one of three RSOs that was approved by the senate during the meeting.

safe environment comfortable for speaking.

Sharifa Hurtault, Keegan Noll, and Jackson Bayer were there to represent the Young Democratic Socialist of America Club.

Hurtault said, "Our mission is to educate and organize EIU students and the surrounding community and to play a helpful and principled role in the local movement for social justice."

Weekly meetings are held Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Witter's Conference room in

room 4440.

Meeting formats alternate between political and social justice education through discussion and watching films. There are frequent polling and surveys to find interest in topics for meetings among members.

Hurtault explained Democratic Socialism as being "through means of gradually transitioning into a socialized state through democratic processes of voting."

There are no dues and non-EIU students can join as associated members,

however they will not be able to vote or run for executive office.

Opening the club to non-EIU students was started to allow Lakeland students into the club since there is not a club such as this provided at Lakeland College.

This will be the only official left leaning RSO on campus and YSDA is part of a larger chapter.

It was passed through with 12 votes of yay, zero nays, and two abstentions by Senators Subodh Khanal and Francesco Romano.

The fee approval process for Housing and Dining was revised to now start the process of drafting an official document to be voted on by the RHA and Student Government before being sent to administration.

There will be no Student Senate April 7 due to the personal wellness day. The next Student Senate meeting will instead be held Apr. 14.

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UConn's Paige Bueckers is AP women's player of the year

1 Nationals player positive for COVID-19

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Paige Bueckers is in a class all by herself. UConn's star guard became the first freshman ever to win The Associated Press women's basketball player of the year award Wednesday.

Bueckers helped lead the Huskies to their 13th consecutive Final Four with 28 points in the regional final win over Baylor on Monday night, just the latest star turn for the phenomol 19-year-old Minnesota native.

"It's amazing, surreal for people to think of me that highly and to be in that position as a freshman," Bueckers said. "To get this award, I'm extremely humbled and grateful."

Bueckers was informed she won the award by coach Geno Auriemma during a team video session on Monday. She broke down as she accepted it in front of her teammates.

"A lot has happened over the past year things that could bring people down," Bueckers said. "To get a reward and find something positive in these times, you cherish them. I was there with my teammates and coaching staff and to get that award with them around me makes you be so grateful for the position I'm in."

Bueckers was an overwhelming choice, receiving 21 votes from the 30-member national media panel that chooses the weekly AP Top 25. Dana Evans of Louisville

was second with four votes; Rhyne Howard of Kentucky received two votes; and Michigan's Naz Hillmon, Texas's Charli Collier and Iowa freshman Caitlin Clark all received a vote.

Former UConn greats Maya Moore and Breanna Stewart both won the award as sophomores. All other winners have been juniors or seniors since the AP started honoring players in 1995.

And now comes Bueckers. "That's crazy to think about, all the great college players who ever played," Bueckers said. "The great freshmen who had done great things in their first year in college basketball. It really is surreal that it's never been done before."

It's the 12th time a UConn player has been honored.

Bueckers, who is from Edina, Minnesota, is averaging 20.1 points, 5.9 assists and 4.8 rebounds this season. She became the first UConn player ever to score 30 or more points in three consecutive games and also set the school record for points in her NCAA debut when she had 24 in the opener against High Point.

"Name one player that has taken a team this young to where we are today," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Who's done more than her? And if you can give me a better argument, then I would say I'll vote for them, too. But I don't think you can."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Washington Nationals player tested positive for COVID-19, and four teammates and a staff member have been quarantined after contact tracing on the eve of the regular season's start, general manager Mike Rizzo said Wednesday.

Rizzo did not identify any of the six members of the organization who are involved.

"We're still in the process of finding out exactly what their status is," Rizzo said. "They're certainly out for tomorrow's game."

The positive result came from a test conducted Monday, while the Nationals were still in Florida for spring training.

High court sympathetic to college athletes in NCAA dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed sympathetic to college athletes in a dispute with the NCAA over rules limiting their education-related compensation.

With the March Madness basketball tournament in its final stages, the high court heard arguments in a case about how colleges can reward athletes who play Division I basketball and football.

Under current NCAA rules, students cannot be paid, and the scholarship money colleges can offer is capped at the cost of attending the school. The NCAA defends its rules as necessary to preserve the amateur nature of college sports.

But the former athletes who brought the case, including former West Virginia football player Shawne Alston, say the NCAA's rules are unfair and violate federal antitrust law designed to promote competition.

The case is not about whether students can be paid salaries. Instead, the outcome will help determine whether schools can offer athletes tens of thousands of dollars in education benefits for things such as computers, graduate scholarships, tutoring, study abroad and internships.

During an hour and a half of arguments conducted by phone because of the coronavirus pandemic, there were both liberal and conservative justices who sounded supportive to the athletes' case.

Justice Elena Kagan suggested that what was going on sounded a lot like price fixing. "Schools that are naturally competitors ... have all gotten together in an organization," she said, and used their

power to "fix athletic salaries at extremely low levels."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh agreed, saying "antitrust laws should not be a cover for exploitation of the student-athletes." He told a lawyer for the NCAA that "it does seem ... schools are conspiring with competitors ... to pay no salaries for the workers who are making the schools billions of dollars."

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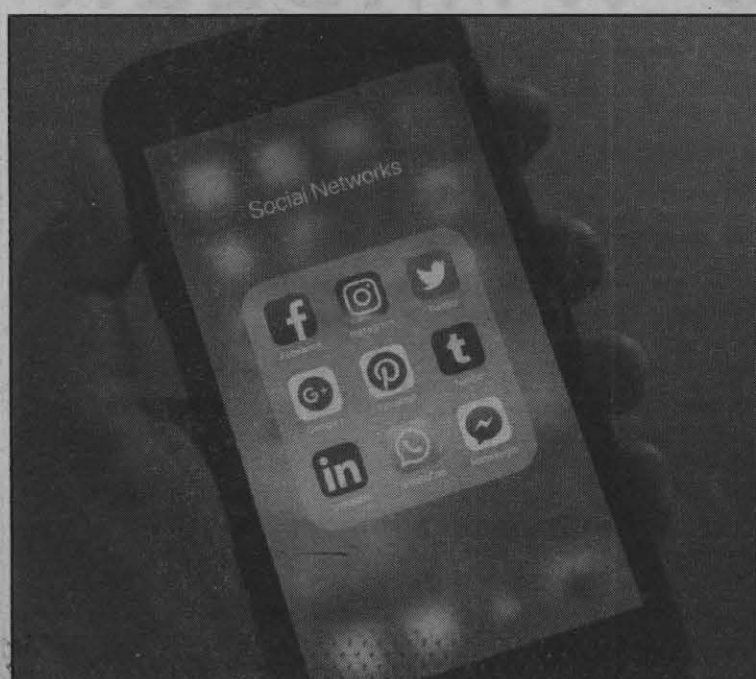
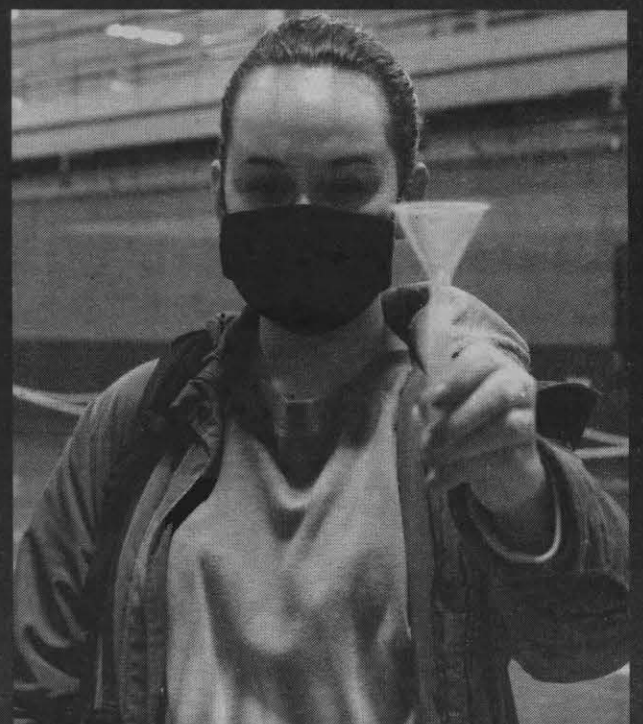
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Simmons hired as next men's basketball coach

By Adam Tumino
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Eastern Athletic Director Tom Michael announced the hiring of Marty Simmons Wednesday as the next head coach of the Eastern men's basketball program.

Simmons will be the 15th head coach in program history and the fourth since the Panthers became a Division I program.

On March 4, former Eastern head coach Jay Spoonhour was let go by the Panthers after nine seasons.

A press conference will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. to formally introduce Simmons.

A native of Lawrenceville, Illinois, Simmons comes to Eastern with a college coaching resume spanning 30 seasons, 17 of which were as a head coach.

He began his college coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater Evansville from 1990-1996 before getting his first head coaching job at Division III Wartburg College in Iowa, where he coached for one season and went 10-14.

He then returned to Evansville in an assistant position from 1997-2002 before he became the head coach at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, when they were still a Division II program.

In five seasons with the Cougars, Simmons posted a record of 88-59. His two best seasons with the Cougars were in 2004-05 and 2005-06, reach-

MARTY SIMMONS HEAD COACHING RECORD

Wartburg (1996-97): 10-14

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (2002-07): 88-59

Evansville (2007-18): 184-175

ing the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament in both seasons.

The team advanced to the Elite Eight in 2005-06, where they lost to eventual runners up Virginia Union.

He left Edwardsville after the 2006-07 season to return to Evansville once again, this time as head coach.

He remained at Evansville for 11 seasons, compiling a record of 184-175.

With the Purple Aces, Simmons reached the CIT three times and the CBI twice, winning the CIT in the 2014-15 season.

He was fired after the 2017-18 season and took an assistant job at Clemson under head coach Brad Brownell, who he coached with at Evansville from 1991-92.

In his three seasons as an assistant with Clemson, the Tigers went 52-37 and was a seven seed in the 2021 tournament, losing to Rutgers in the first round.

Simmons also boasts an impressive playing career dating back to his time in Lawrenceville.

He scored 2,986 points in high

school, the third-most in Illinois high school basketball history at the time.

He was named Illinois Mr. Basketball as a senior in 1983, an award that has also been won by players like Kevin Garnett and Derrick Rose.

He began his college career playing under the legendary Bob Knight at Indiana, reaching the Elite Eight as a freshman in 1984.

After his sophomore season, Simmons transferred to Evansville. He averaged 22.4 in his first season with Evansville in 1986-87. In his final season, he finished sixth in the nation in scoring averaging 25.9 points per game and finished ninth in the voting for AP College Basketball Player of the Year in 1988.

He was inducted into the University Evansville Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997.

Simmons is taking over a program at Eastern that finished at 9-18 overall last season and 6-14 in conference play, missing out on a spot in the OVC Tournament.

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Eastern senior outside hitter Laurel Bailey follows through on a kill attempt against Morehead State February 7.

Bailey given All-OVC second team honors

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Eastern senior outside hitter Laurel Bailey was given a conference honor to wrap up her career at Eastern.

She was named All-OVC second team Wednesday after a season in which she ranked fifth in the OVC in kills per set (3.66) and fourth in points per set (4.15).

Bailey was the only senior this season for the Panthers, who went 2-14 in the conference-only spring season.

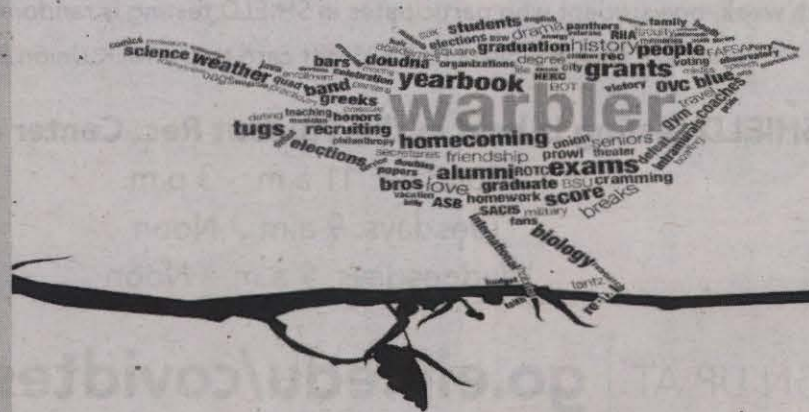
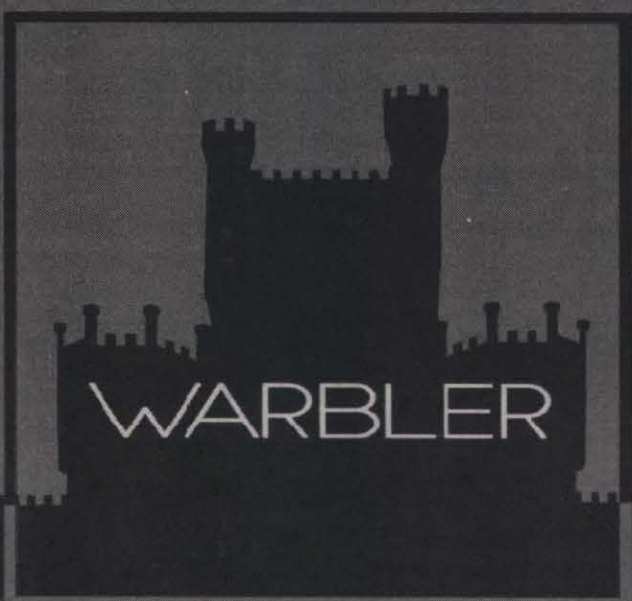
She appeared in 14 matches for the Panthers and recorded double-figures in kills 13 times.

She had a season-high 21 kills on March 7 against Tennessee State and 15 digs March 1 against Austin Peay.

Bailey became just the 29th player in program history to reach 1,000 career digs, a feat she accomplished March 8 against Tennessee State.

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